

# Christmas Lu'au

(Leonard Hawk, 1950) – [Christmas Lu'au](#) by Pure Heart (1999)

**Vamp** D7 G7 C (2x) G7

C

Was the night befo' Christmas  
and all through the hale

G7

There was singing and dancing,

G

and ho'o malimali  
Mama' in her mu'u mu'u  
and papa' in his malo

G7

C

Greeting 'aikane, "Pe'ehea, mahalo!"

## Bridge

F

G7

C

Sister got her flowers for a lei

G7

C

Brother watched the imu all though the day

F

G7

C

Soon the music boys began to play

D7

G7

Mele old and new of Hawaii nei

C

The table was loaded with plenty of kau kau

G7

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Opihi and salmon and steaming hot lau lau

We ate and talked story until we were pau

G7

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It was really maika'i at a Christmas luau.

## Instrumental Verse

## Repeat from Beginning

## Repeat from Bridge

## Outro

G7

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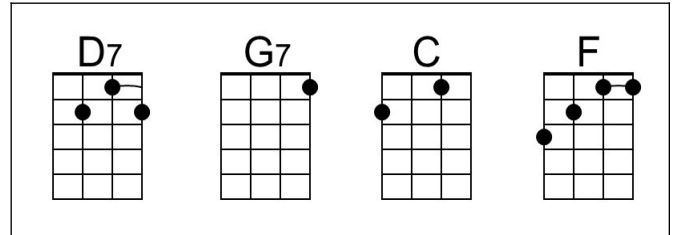
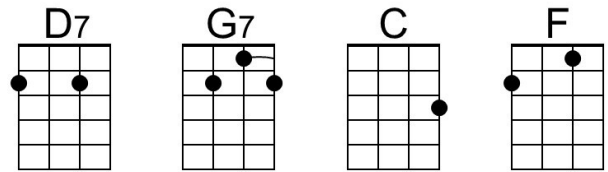
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*Hale – House*

*Ho'o malimali – Flattery*

*Mu'u mu'u – A loose dress, often worn for formal occasions*

*Malo – Traditional loincloth*

*Aikane – Good friends*

*Pe'ehea – Howzit (how are you)*

*Mahalo – Thank you*

*Lei – A garland of flowers, leave, nuts, or shells*

*Imu – Underground oven; food is wrapped (usually in leaves), covered, and baked*

*Mele – Songs*

*Hawai'i nei – "This beloved Hawai'i"*

*Kau kau – Pidgin slang term for food*

*'Opihi – A gastropod of the limpet family that is a delicacy (and, apparently, very hard and dangerous to collect off the rocks).*

*Lau lau – Pork or fish wrapped in taro or ti leaves and steamed (very tasty!)*

*Pau – Done, finished*

*Maika'i – Good, fine*

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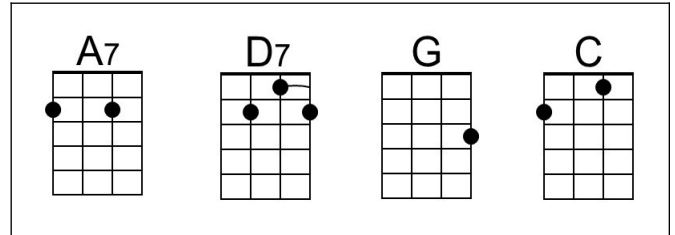
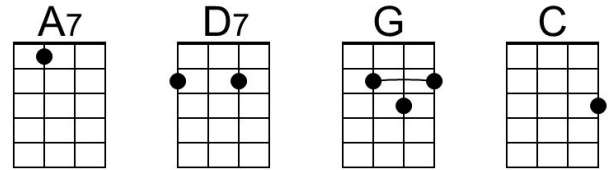
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